

REMARKS

Claims 11, 14, 15, 30, 46, 48, 49, 54-56 and 58-61 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 18, 45 and 57 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in these claims. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's statement that claims 11, 14, 15, 30, 46, 48, 49, 54-56 and 58-61 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 18, 45 and 57 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0109426 A1 to Satoh et al. (Satoh). The rejection of canceled claims 18, 45 and 57 is moot.

All rejected claims are canceled by the above amendments, such that only allowed claims remain. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of claims 11, 14, 15, 30, 46, 48, 49, 54-56 and 58-61 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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